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Letter dated 19 January 2004 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present 26 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2002 and 2003) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Afghanistan	41 500
Antigua and Barbuda	33 200
Benin	14 400
Cape Verde	3 100
Central African Republic	321 700*
Chad	10 030
Comoros	745 800*
Georgia	6 866 500*
Guinea-Bissau	460 900*
Iraq	14 623 200

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Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Kenya	119 000
Lebanon	130 500
Liberia	1 113 100
Malawi	7 900
Mauritania	11 400
Niger	367 000[a]
Paraguay	24 400
Republic of Moldova	1 752 000[a]
Sao Tome and Principe	564 100[a]
Solomon Islands	13 100
Somalia	992 500[a]
Suriname	9 400
Tajikistan	1 441 900[a]
Uganda	56 600
Vanuatu	500
Venezuela	3 185 600

[a] In its resolution 58/1 of 16 October 2003, the General Assembly decided that Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, the Niger, the Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan should be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 30 June 2004.

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**
Secretary-General